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SUBJECT: ALLIED AND FRG REPRESENTATION IN EAST BERLIN

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SUMMARY: BAHR-KOHL TALKS SEPTEMBER 13 HAVE RESULTED IN NO MOVEMENT TOWARD ESTABLISHMENT FRG/GDR PERMANENT REPS. UK UNDER PRESSURE FROM GDR TO SEND AMBASSADOR TO EAST BERLIN, AND FRENCH APPEAR TO BE MOVING IN THAT DIRECTION. SCHEEL RAISED ISSUE WITH HOME IN COPENHAGEN. END SUMMARY.

1. RESPONDING TO ALLIED REQUEST MADE SEPTEMBER 13 BONN GROUP MEETING, FRG REP (BLECH) CALLED US REP SEPTEMBER 14 TO REPORT ON RESULTS OF BAHR-KOHL MEETING REGARDING ESTABLISHMENT FRG/GDR PERMANENT REPS. BLECH SAID THERE HAD BEEN NO MOVEMENT WHATSOEVER AND KOHL HAD MAINTAINED HIS POSITION OF AUGUST 23 (SEE REFTEL). WHEN ASKED IF HE HAD ANY SPECIFIC INFORMATION OR COULD PASS ON FLAVOR CONFIDENTIAL

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OF MEETING, FRG REP RESPONDED NEGATIVELY AND REPEATED

THAT KOHL HAD NOT MOVED FROM POSITION STATED AUGUST 23. US REP THEN SAID IT WAS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT SCHEEL HAD RAISED THE QUESTION OF WHEN BRITISH AMBASSADOR WOULD BE SENT TO EAST BERLIN WITH FONMIN HOME IN COPENHAGEN. BLECH SAID THAT WAS INDEED TRUE BUT THE ONLY THING HE KNEW WAS THAT SCHEEL AND HOME HAD AGREED TO CONTINUE DISCUSSION OF SUBJECT AT UNGA.

2. AT ALLIED AMBASSADORS MEETING SEPTEMBER 12 ON REPLY TO MALIK LETTER (REPORTED SEPTEL) UK CHARGE HIBBERT NOTED THE GDR WAS INCREASING PRESSURES IN LONDON FOR BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO BE SENT TO EAST BERLIN. HE SAID IT WAS BECOMING HARD TO TURN THEM DOWN WITHOUT BEING BRUTAL. HE DID NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT THE GDR HAS NOT COMPLETED WORK ON UK RESIDENCE. AT MEETING, FRENCH AMBASSADOR SAUVAGNARGUES INITIALLY SAID IT LOOKED AS IF SENDING AMBASSADORS WOULD BE DELAYED UNTIL END OF YEAR, BUT LATER STATED IT WAS CLEAR THAT THE FRENCH AND BRITISH WOULD HAVE TO SEND THEIR AMBASSADORS BEFORE THE ARRIVAL OF THE FRG REP IN EAST BERLIN. HE REALIZED, HE CONTINUED, FRG OPPOSED TO THIS, BUT IT WAS NEVERTHELESS CLEAR.

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